



PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

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1. (Twice Amended) A feed belt, adapted to feeding members comprising at least one of papers, tickets, bank notes, plastic or paper cards and coins, comprising:

an elastic material having a hardness corresponding to rubber hardness 15 to 90;

10 to 70 percent by weight of high hardness particles dispersed throughout the elastic material, said high hardness particles having a particle diameter of 3 to 300 μm ;

characterized in that the high hardness particles project from a feed surface of the belt,